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Amendments to the Claims:

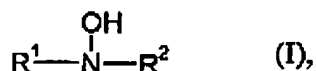
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A process for preventing the skinning of a coating composition comprising:

adding an ~~An~~ anti-skinning agent, comprising

a) an organic compound of formula (I)

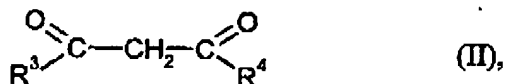


where

R¹ and R² mutually independently represent hydrogen, a linear or branched, saturated or unsaturated C₁-C₂₀ aliphatic radical, which can optionally be mono- or polysubstituted, or a C₆-C₁₂ aryl radical, a C₇-C₁₄ araliphatic radical or a C₅-C₇ cycloaliphatic radical,

and either

b) an organic compound of formula (II)



where

R³ represents hydrogen, a hydroxyl radical, a saturated or unsaturated C₁-C₁₉ aliphatic radical, a C₁-C₇ alkoxy radical, or an amine radical -NR⁷R⁸,

R⁴ represents hydrogen, hydroxyl radical, a saturated or unsaturated C₁-C₁₉ aliphatic radical, a C₁-C₇ alkoxy radical, or an amine radical -NR⁹R¹⁰,

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R^7 and R^8 mutually independently represent hydrogen or a C_1 - C_6 aliphatic radical,
 R^9 and R^{10} mutually independently represent hydrogen or a C_1 - C_6 aliphatic radical,
 or
 c) an organic compound of formula (III)



where

R^5 represents hydrogen, a hydroxyl radical or a C_1 - C_7 alkoxy radical and
 R^6 represents hydrogen or an amine radical $-\text{NR}^{11}\text{R}^{12}$,
 R^{11} and R^{12} mutually independently represent hydrogen, C_1 - C_6 aliphatic radical, or C_5 - C_7 cycloaliphatic radical, or amine radical $-\text{NR}^1\text{R}^2$
 with the proviso that R^5 and R^6 are not simultaneously hydrogen,
to the coating composition.

2. (Currently Amended) The process according to Claim 1, wherein the anti-
 skinning agent ~~of claim 1~~ further comprises ~~comprising~~ water and/or an organic solvent.

3. (Currently Amended) The process according to Claim 1, anti-skinning agent of
~~claim 1~~ wherein

R^3 represents a substituted C_1 - C_{19} aliphatic radical, a substituted C_1 - C_7 alkoxy radical,
 or a substituted amine radical $-\text{NR}^7\text{R}^8$, and

R^4 represents, a substituted C_1 - C_{19} aliphatic radical, a substituted C_1 - C_7 alkoxy
 radical, or a substituted amine radical $-\text{NR}^9\text{R}^{10}$,

R^{11} and R^{12} mutually independently represent a substituted C_1 - C_6 aliphatic radical, or a
 substituted C_5 - C_7 cycloaliphatic radical, or a substituted amine radical $-\text{NR}^1\text{R}^2$

4. (Currently Amended) The process according to Claim 1, anti-skinning agent of claim 1 wherein the compounds of formula (I) to (III) are in the form of aqueous dispersions or emulsions.

5. (Currently Amended) A process for preventing the skinning of a coating composition comprising:

adding a A composition of matter comprising the anti-skinning agent of claim 1 to the coating composition.

6. (Currently Amended) The process according to Claim 5, composition of matter of claim 5 wherein the amount of anti-skinning agent is between 0.001 and 2.0 wt.% based on the composition.

7. (Currently Amended) The process according to Claim 5, composition of matter of claim 5 wherein the amount of anti-skinning agent is between 0.01 to 0.5 wt.%, based on the composition.

8. (Currently Amended) The process according to Claim 5, composition of matter of claim 5 wherein the composition of matter further comprising comprises a pigment.

9. (Currently Amended) The process according to Claim 5, composition of matter of claim 5 wherein the coating composition is a colorless or pigmented paint, a coating, a printing ink based on oxidatively drying binders, an oxidatively drying paint system, or a spraying agent in a printing ink.